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The Examiner acknowledges Applicant's Amendments, Paper Nos. 7, 9 and 11, filed September 14, 1998, December 14, 1998 and March 22, 1999, respectively. In view of Applicant's Amendments, the status of the claims is as follows: Claims 1-54 and 76 have been canceled; Claims 55-75, 77-92 and newly added claim 93 are currently pending before the Examiner.

Claims 55-75 and 77-93 are objected to because of the following informalities: Applicant's amendments have changed the claim dependencies such that claims depend from claim 84 or 55, i.e., claims subsequent to the dependent claim. In addition, dependent claims are found throughout the amendments with little apparent order. This has rendered the dependencies confusing and extremely difficult to follow. Given the significant number of claims at issue and to avoid confusion at the time of allowance, Applicant is requested to cancel the pending claims and submit new claims with the proper claim order and appropriate claim numbering desired by Applicant. Appropriate correction is required.

Since the response appears to be bona fide, applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of one month from the date of this letter or within the time remaining in the response period of the last office action, whichever is the longer. NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) OR (b) BUT THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE SET IN THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MAY BE EXTENDED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS.

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10 Fridays. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Chris Eisenschenk, can be reached at (703) 308-0452.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at (703) 308-0196.



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